IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

For: READER FOR STANDARDS...

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

--The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application PCT/FR99/03312, filed December 29, 1999 which designated the United States, and which application was not published in the English language.--

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